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#### DOERS OF THE WORD. A Sermon Preached in the Methodist Protestant Church, Alexandria, Va., Sunday Night, August 4th, 1872, by Rev. James L. Killgore, M. D., D.D.

(PUBLISHED BY REQUEST) "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only."-James 1, 22.

How reasonable, necessary, and apposite was the admonition of the text to the people for whom it was intended. They had heard the word of God, and to some extent believed it; but not so as to reduce it to practice. Of such persons we have a description given by God through the prophet Ezekiel: "They come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but they will not do them, for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness. And, lo thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear thy words, but they do them not."-Ezekiel xxxiii, 31, 32.

The present is an age of hearing more than of doing; and to the majority of those who attend God's house, the quotation from Ezekiel is peculiarly appropriate. It is, however, not the hearer of God's word, but the doer of God's will, who shall be blessed in his deed. In considering this passage, we will, first, describe the various hearers; and, secondly, give some directions for profitably hearing God's word. 1. Describe the various kinds of hearers. -In doing so we will arrange them under various

classes. 1. A Class of Formal Hearers.-These hear the word with strict regularity; they are prompt in their attendance on the ordinances. Some-times they "hear the word gladly," applaud its ministers, and entertain them with hospitality; but they treasure not the word in their hearts. Indeed, they have so often heard it, Heb. iv-2. Our great concern is not to hear and so frequently evaded its force, that it now | the word that we may philosophize upon it, seldom impresses them, and there is but little but so as to be saved by it. "All the promises hope that it ever will be the "power of God" of God in him are yea, and in him Amen."

dom "hear the word" with an intention to practice it. They are, however, often found among the people of God. Hence the admonition of Moses to the Israelites: "Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thine heart all the days of thy life."—Deut. iv, 9. We are not so much in danger of forgetting what our eyes have seen, as what our ears have heard: a danger arising not so often from defectiveness of memory as from headlessness indifference.

Igive to the Gospera hving form. Embody its principles and precepts in our lives. "Be living epistles." Let the features of Christianity be as distinctly visible in your deportment as are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends. "If ye know these things, happiness depends, and happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends, and happiness depends, and happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends, and happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends, and happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends, and happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends, and happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends, and happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depends are the sentiments of a well dictated letter.—Be "lights in the world." On this your chief happiness depen of memory, as from heedlessness, indifference, happy are ye if ye do them. and unwatchfulness. The Apostle Peter was honey to my mouth !"-Psalms exix, 72-103.

3. A Class of Capricious Hearers.-These are remarkable for nothing more than their fastidiousness in the selection of a minister. If his efforts resemble the lightning's flash, the thunder's roll, or the "mighty voice" which appeals to the human heart and stirs its depths, they will hear; if the preacher be graceful in person, pleasant in utterance, abundant in matter and correct in diction, he commands their attention and respect. But if in any of these qualities he fail, they will not hear. ()ught this so to be? Is it not submitting too much to the intolerant demands of a morbid

with suitable material for subsequent medita-

We plead neither for vulgarity nor impropriety in speech; but we think that utility should be sought before embellishment. It is the quality of the food for which we should be auxious rather than the mode in which it is served; or, to change the figure, truth is not less profitable because it is clothed in a homely

4. A Class of Critical Heavers.-These attend the ministry for the purpose of criticism. The preacher, his composition, his reasoning, and his theology are all praised or blamed in proportion as they come up to, or fall below, their standard. Their aim being unworthy, the end of the Gospel is seldom answered on them. They derive no spiritual advantage themselves, and those who would they hinder. But we may be asked, "Are we, then, to receive every statement without examination?" We answer, no. Emphatically no. Submit all to the 'law and to the testimony.' But

let your motive be pure; for it is the motive that stamps the deed. The Bereans heard the Apostle, but they also "searched the Scriptures to see if these things were so."-Aets xvii, 11. We are also exhorted to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." But in doing so, we should-

"Sit, with Mary at the Master's feet." To the Saviour's teaching we should listen;

and to His authority we should bow. 5. A Class of Practical Heavers.—These are the only true, wise hearers. Hence Christ says, "Whos oever heareth these sayings of mine, and

doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, &c. Matt. vii, 24-27. Such hearing is profitable:-"For whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer,

but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed." James i, 25. 2. GIVE SOME DIRECTIONS FOR PROFITABLY

HEARING THE WORD.—"Take heed how ye hear" is a command of the highest authority. It is true that much of our attention depends on the speaker, and the subject of his discourse. but our profiting by our hearing God's Word

does not depend so much on these, as on our own state of mind. That we may hear to advantage, we should

1. With Serious Attention. - The reasons for this are two-(1.) Our Own Profit.—To be inattentive is the same as "to have ears and hear not." Some

To be able to fix the attention on any subject that interests us is a valuable gift, existing among men in different degrees, and one which usually increases in proportion as it is exercised. But he who exercises no control over himself in this respect acquires such a volatility of mind, and such a vagrancy of imagination, as to become the sport of every mental vanity-

desiring no profit by the spoken word.

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We pay the most unflagging attention to trifles, as did the Pharisees, though they neglected the weightier matters of the law. We are fla-grantly careless about the most solean things. The importance of God's word is seen also in the fact, that on it hangs our eternal all, and, therefore, it demands our most serious atten-

We should hear—
2. With Profound. Reverence.—We must not listen to the word as to the ficticious representations of a dream.

It is truth-eternal truth. It will outlive fiction, and survive the world. Yes,-"Firm as a rock his truth shall stand,

When rolling years shall cease to move.' It is saving truth, and truth by which we must all be judged. Those who hear it are capable of receiving it or rejecting it; and upon their accepting or rejecting it, depends their eternal salvation. To all who hear the Gospel, it is either the "savor of life unto life, or of death unto death." 2 Cor. ii-16. Let us, therefore, "Receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save the soul." James 1-21.

We should hear-3. The Spirit of Prayer.—It is necessary that we should pray for our daily bread? It is. But it is much more necessary that we should solicit the Divine blessing in connection with the "bread of life." We must pray that the word may be made a blessing to ourselves and our families. Pray that it may be a word of conviction and conversion to the sinner, and of enlightenment, comfort, and edification to the believer. Pray, also, for its ministers, that, through them, it may "have free course and be glorified."
We should hear—

4. With Faith.—It is not enough that the word be preached in faith; it must also be heard in faith. So says Paul of the Ancients— That the word profited them nothing, "not beto their salvation. They are what our text calls "hearers only." They constitute the majority of all congregations.

2. A Class of Forgetful Hearers.—These seldom "hear the word" with an intention to proceed the people's "unbelief." Math. xiii 5 "Bellieve on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt the constitution to proceed the people's "Relieve in this consideration and in this Amen.—

The Great Teacher himself "could not," on one occasion, "do many mighty works because of the people's "unbelief." Math. xiii 5 "Bellieve on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt have been described by the people of th be saved." Believe in his sacrifice,-and in his willingness to save.

give to the Gospel a living form. Embody its anteed.

To the unsaved we say:—Practice what you anxious to "stir up the pure minds" of the anxious to "stir up the pure minds" of the anxious to "stir up the pure minds" of the anxious to "stir up the pure minds" of the anxious to "stir up the pure minds" of the hear, least your abased opportunities condemn you at the last. "He that knoweth his mast-generally remember the pleasing and the proficer's will and doeth it not, shall be beaten with market rates.

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